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Dear DOJ,

Please accept this as a Public Comment by Dominic Ferone, of Columbia SC, regarding the Microsoft Settlement.

"The Microsoft Case has hurt investors to the tune of more than 50 million dollars, and even though I am not one of those unfortunate souls, I am a user of Microsoft products and have been since 1991. In my opinion, this case is about envy, and a competitors 'rights' to smash his better with the use of a government club if he is unable to adequately compete in the free market. Settle this squabble and let Mr. Gates continue to own 100% of the company he and his partners created. Microsoft innovation in programming languages alone has allowed me to venture into a new career path, and has directly affected my own life positively. The competitors who filed this suit against Microsoft should know that if this case is not settled amicably, then I will NEVER use THEIR products in the future, and will not recommend them to clients of mine."

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